

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 745

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor Trooper Michael Sprawling on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant individuals; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Trooper Michael Sprawling of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, who, having rendered sterling service to the people of the State of Tennessee since 1994, will soon take his much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, Trooper Sprawling took a job with the Safety and Security Campus Police at his alma mater in August 1990 and graduated from the police academy in March 1991; and

WHEREAS, after being named Officer of the Year in 1993, he entered the Highway Patrol Academy in 1994, and upon his graduation, he was assigned to Williamson County, where he served under Sergeant Ronnie Strickland and saw duty as a field training officer from 1997 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Trooper Michael Sprawling became a part of the Capitol Hill Highway Patrol detachment; he served on the interview board, attended Dignitary School, and was a member of the Riot Team; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, Trooper Michael Sprawling enjoys the love and support of his wife of thirty years, Susie Christina Dalton Sprawling, his two daughters, Johnnisa Danielle Sprawling and Quincie Mykal Sprawling, and his grandson, Ezekiel Spencer; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Sprawling epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and his professionalism and dedication to serving his community are evident to all who know him; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to recognize and applaud Trooper Michael Sprawling for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Trooper Michael Sprawling on the occasion of his retirement, thank him for his meritorious service, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.